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# Dihadron Correlation in the eA program at an Electron Ion Collider

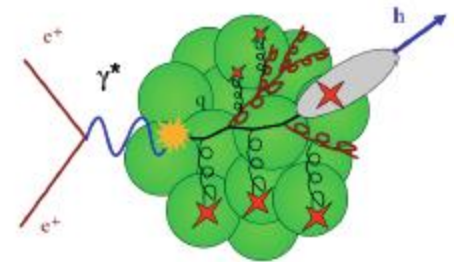
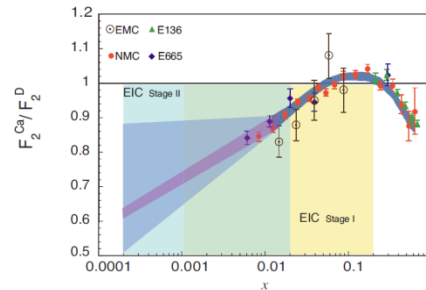
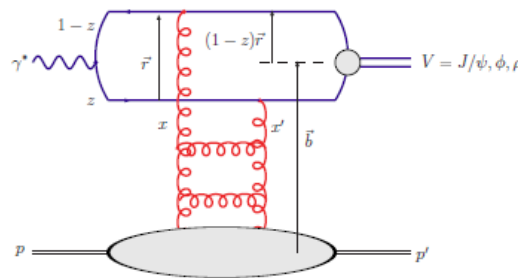
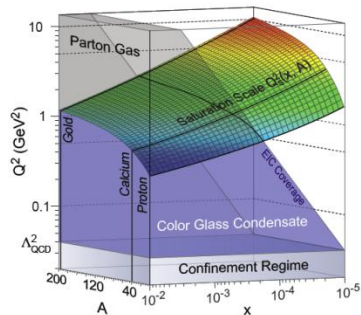
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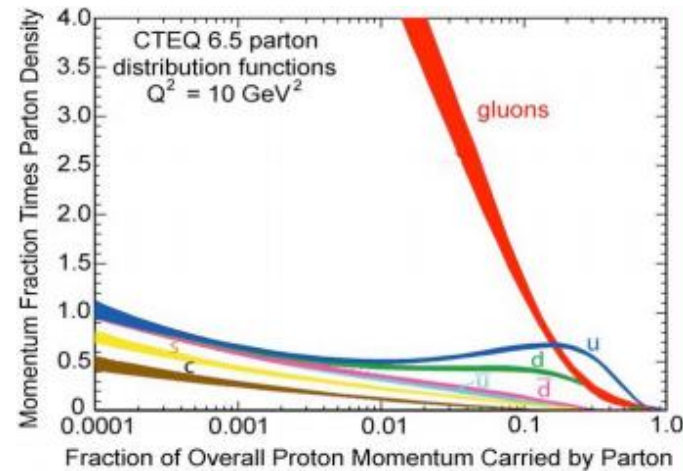
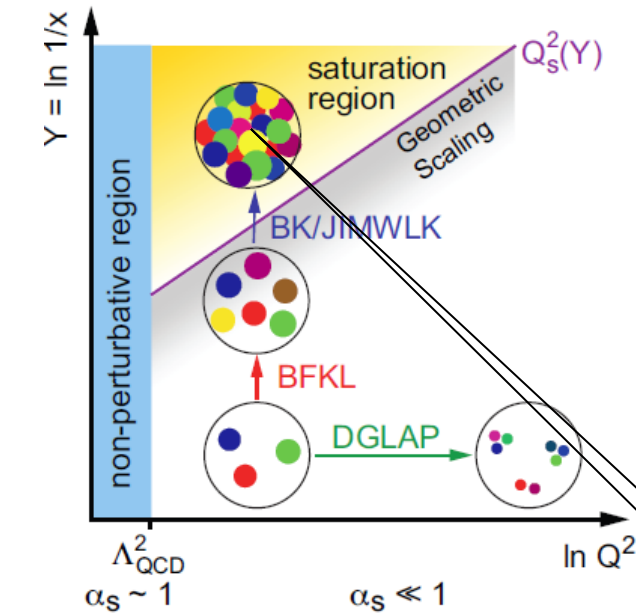


# Motivation

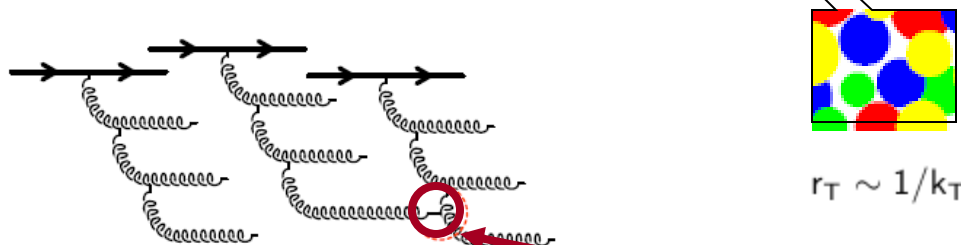
- Electron-Ion (eA) program will investigate the nuclei structure with great precision
  - Probing gluon dynamics, establish the existence of the saturation regime.
  - Obtain a spatial image for the nucleus.
  - Precisely measure nuclear parton distribution function in a wide range.
  - Study the parton propagation and hadronization in cold nuclear medium.
- Dihadron correlation is a key measurement in the eA program to help us explore the saturation physics.



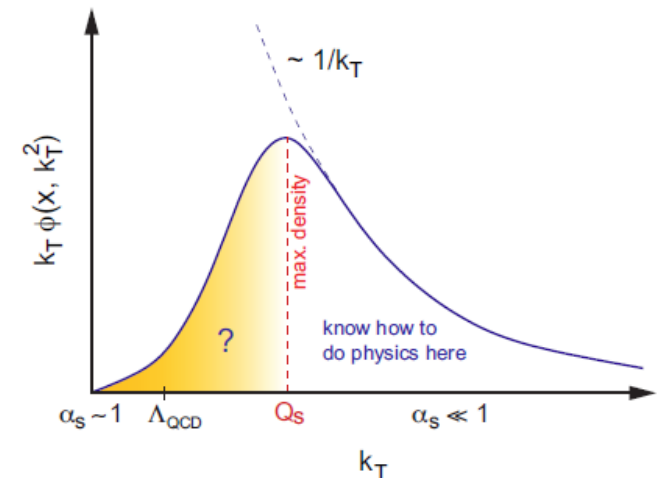
# Explore the saturation regime



$$Q_s^2(x, A) \simeq Q_0^2 A^{1/3} \left( \frac{x_0}{x} \right)^\lambda$$



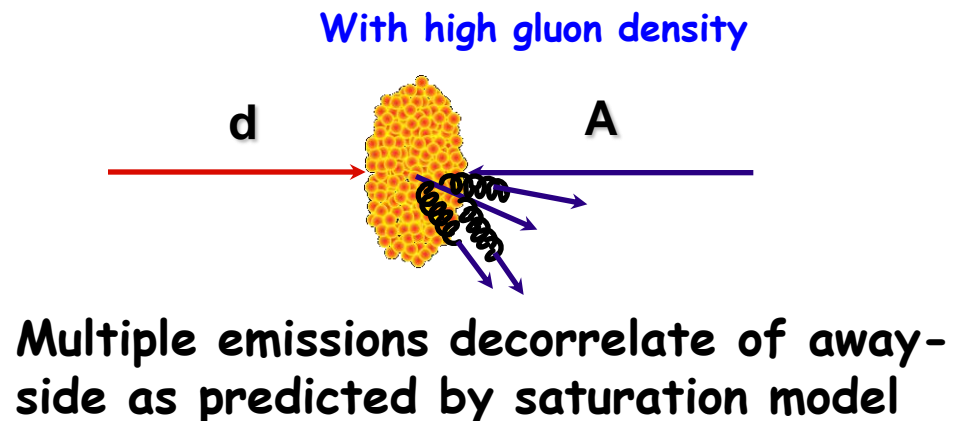
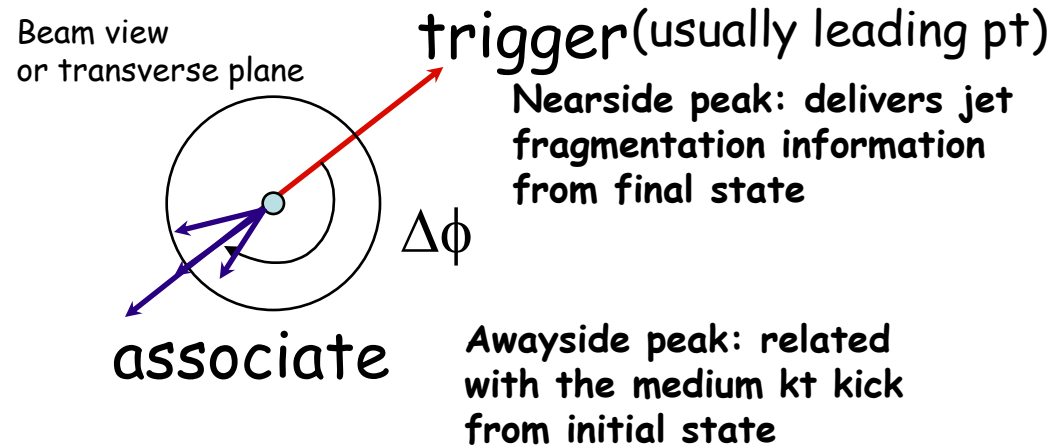
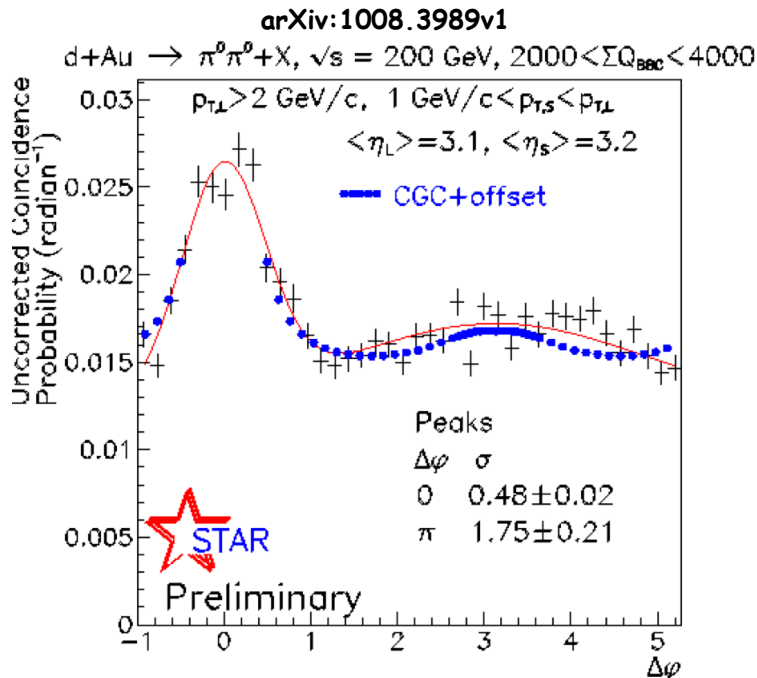
**Mechanism for  
gluon saturation**



# What can we learn from dihadron correlations

Conditional Yield (CY)

$$CY = \frac{1}{N_{trig}} \frac{dN^{assoc}}{d\Delta\phi}$$



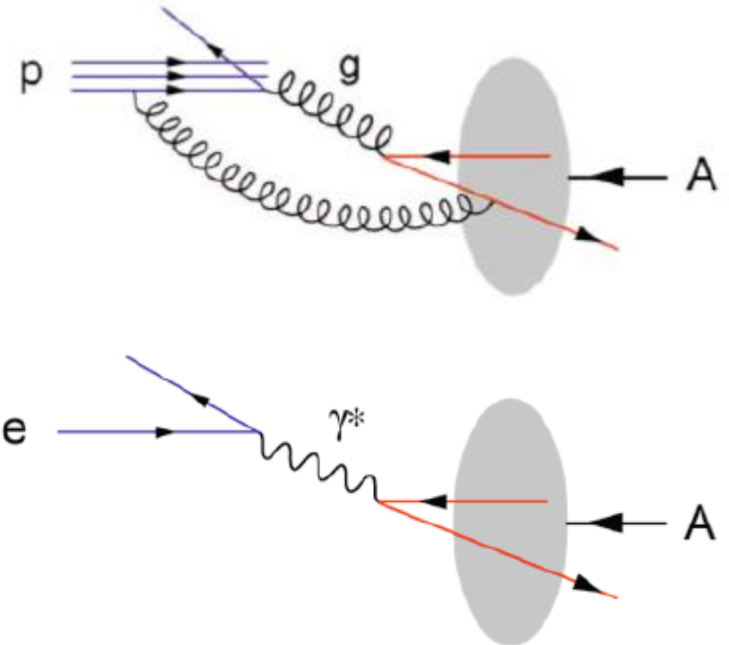
# Dihadron correlations at eRHIC

## Electron Ion Collider (EIC):

- Extract the spatial multi-gluon correlations and study their non-linear evolution

## Advantage over p(d)A:

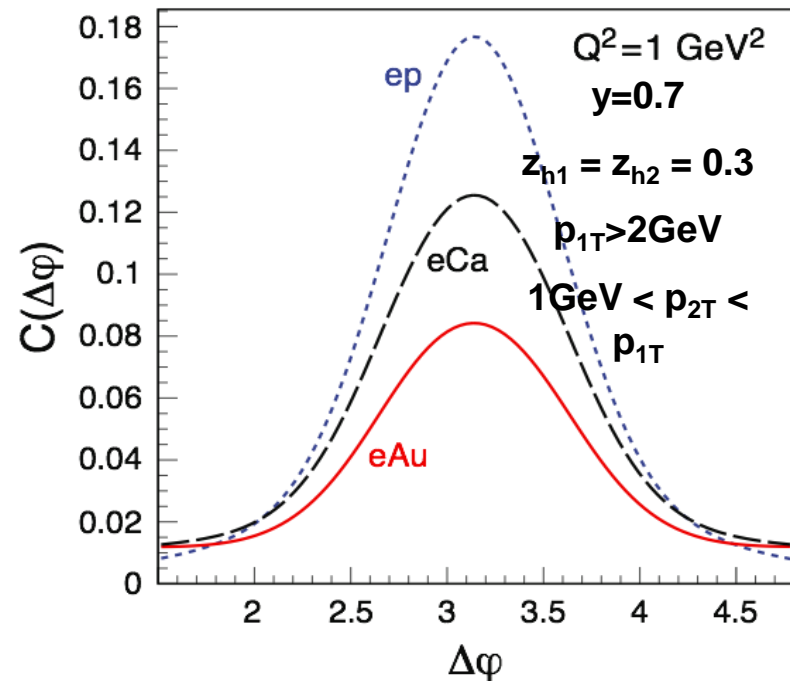
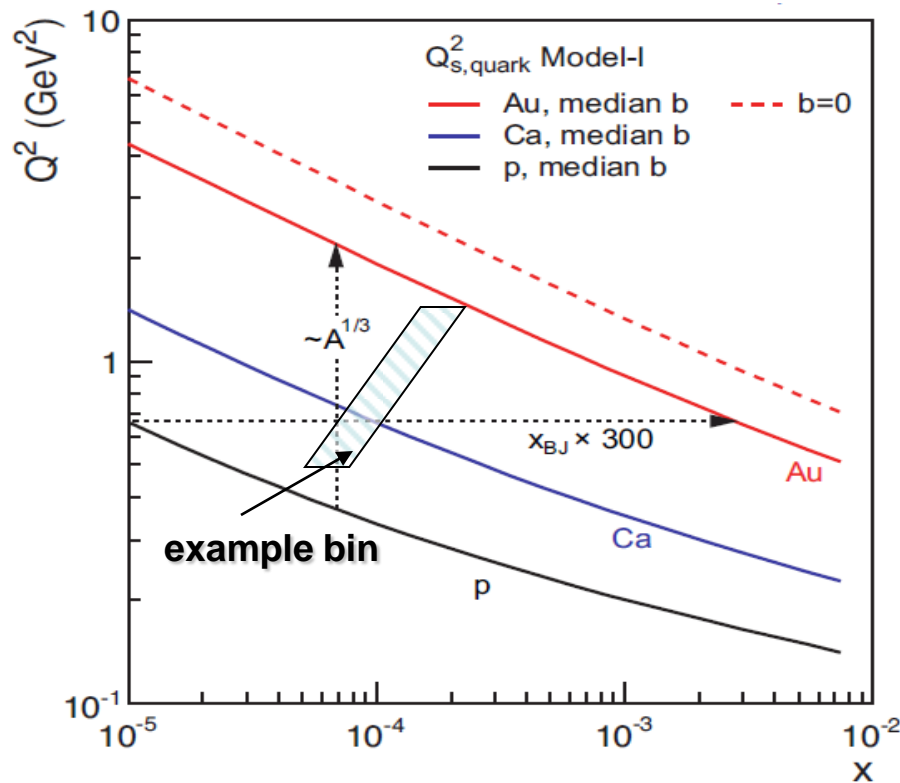
- Control initial/final state
- eA experimentally much cleaner
  - no “spectator” background to subtract
- Access to the exact kinematics of the DIS process ( $x, Q^2$ )



# theoretical prediction from Saturation/CGC model

Pocket formula:  $Q_s^2(x) \sim A^{1/3} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\lambda \sim \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$

Xiao, Dominguez, Yuan 2011/2012



Bin:  $0.5 < Q^2 < 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $0.6 < y < 0.8$

$\langle x \rangle = 1.01 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  
 $\langle y \rangle = 0.69$ ,  
 $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 0.84 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,

# Our Monte Carlo approach for dihadron correlations in eA/ep

A hybrid model consisting of DPMJet and PYTHIA with nPDF EPS09.

Nuclear geometry

Nuclear PDF

Parton level interaction, parton shower and jet fragmentation

Energy loss effect for cold nuclear medium

Nuclear evaporation

DPMJET

EPS09

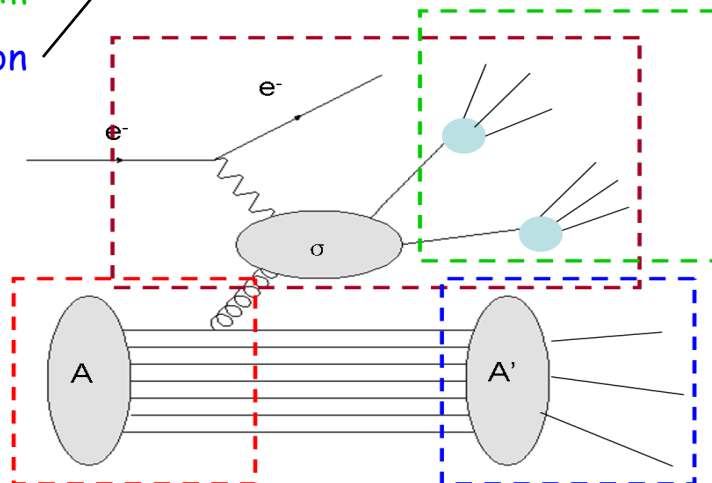
PYTHIA

Energy loss module by Salgado&Wiedeman

Decorrelation of dihadron:

- Higher order effects (parton shower)
- Noncollinear effects (intrinsic  $k_T$ )
- Fragmentation process (Jetset)

- Multiple scattering
- Saturation

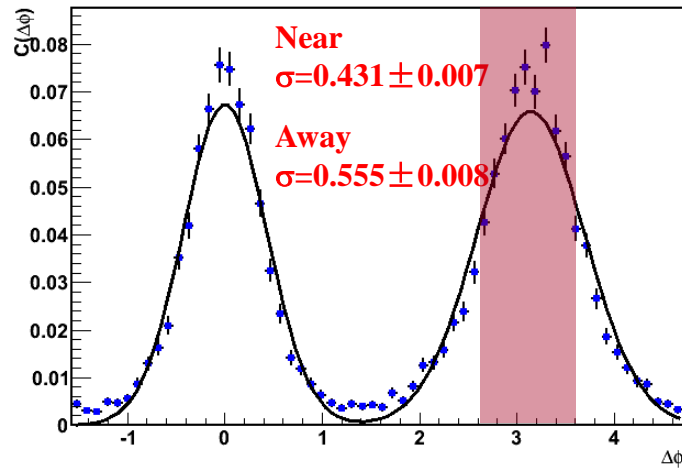


A non Saturation model

# Compare ep and eA

$\Delta\phi$  distribution

ep



30+100 GeV 10M events

$0.5 < Q_2 < 1.5$ ,  $0.6 < y < 0.8$

$|\eta| < 4$  ( $2 < \theta < 178$  deg),

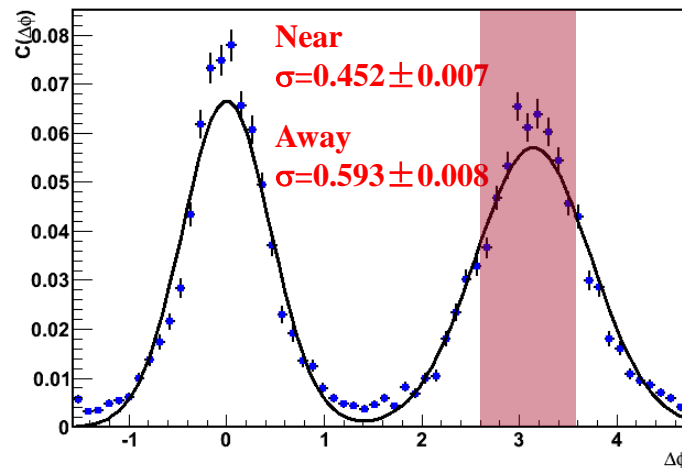
$p_T^{\text{Trig}} > 2$ ,  $1 < p_T^{\text{Asso}} < 2$

$0.15 < z^{\text{Trig,Asso}} < 0.45$

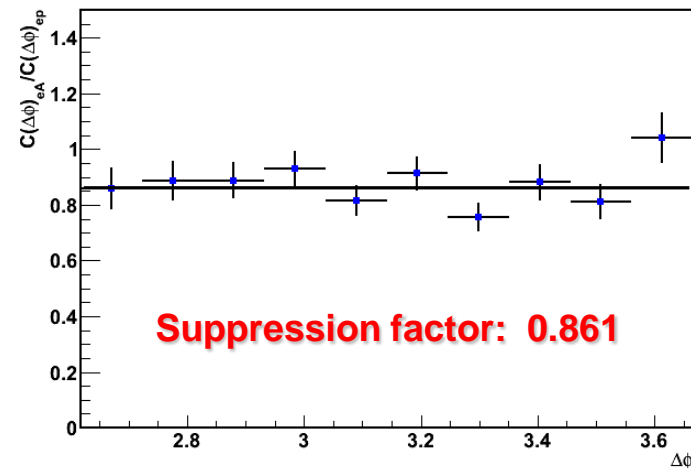
**Nuclear PDF gives no strong suppression effect**

$\Delta\phi$  distribution

eAu



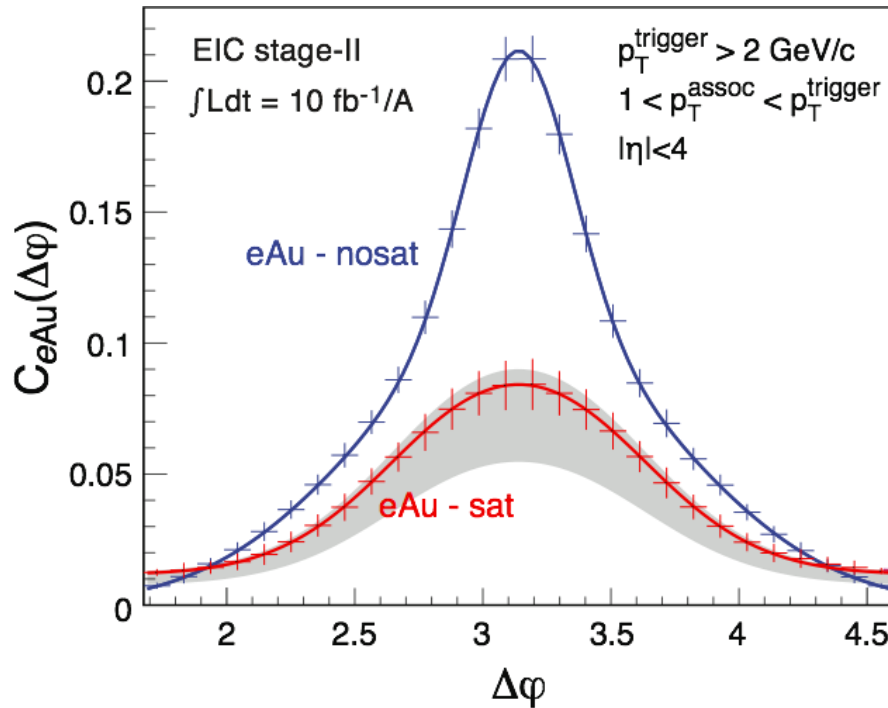
Ratio





# Compare with prediction from saturation model

EIC white paper



**Saturation expectation: back to back peak washed out by multiple gluon interactions.**

**No saturation: peak persists without saturation  $ep \rightarrow eA$ .**

**Saturation and No saturation are easy to resolve with a few months running.**

**Saturation model well constrained**

# Summary

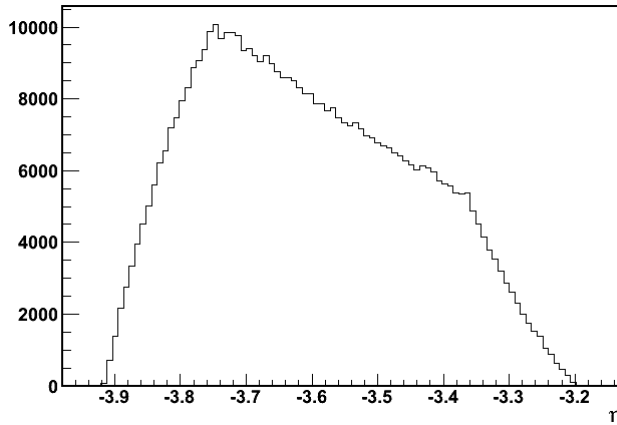
- Dihadron correlation is sensitive to the saturation physics.
- A generic Monte Carlo generator developed based on pQCD calculation in vacuum with flexible nuclear effects on.
- eRHIC offers **unique opportunities** to study the saturation physics precisely.
- Provides the knowledge of **initial state** of heavy ion collision.
- More interesting topics we can do with an Electron Ion Collider -> Refer to T.P.Burton's talk



**Back up**

# Detector requirement

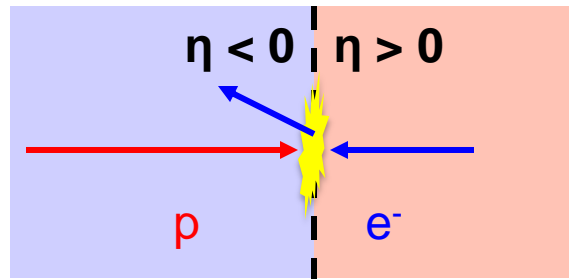
Scattered electron pseudo-rapidity



For ep 30x100:

Bin :  $0.5 < Q^2 < 1.5$ ,  $0.6 < \gamma < 0.8$

Scattered  $e^-$  :  $\langle E \rangle = 9.00 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\langle \theta \rangle = 176.51^\circ$



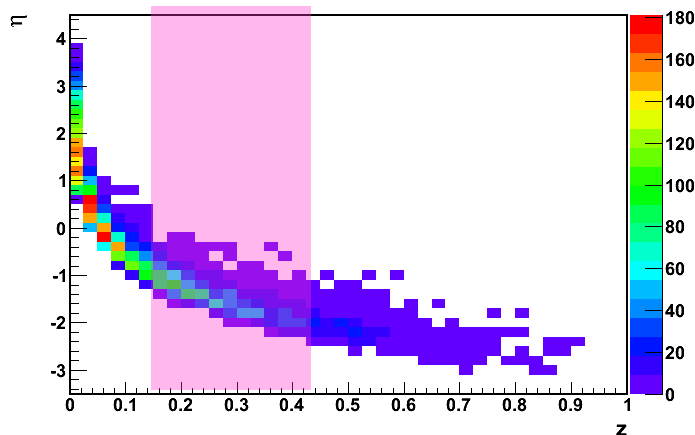
Trigger/associate particle cut:

$|\eta| < 4$  ( $2^\circ < \theta < 178^\circ$ ),

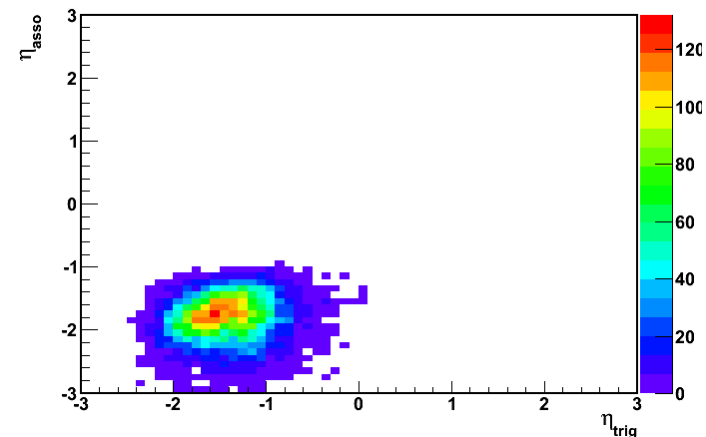
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Leading particle span

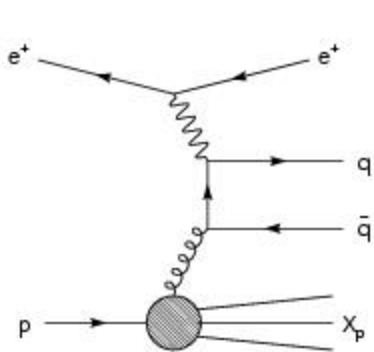


$\eta$  correlation

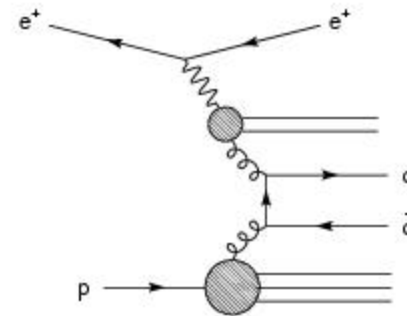


# Dihadron correlation at eRHIC

PGF

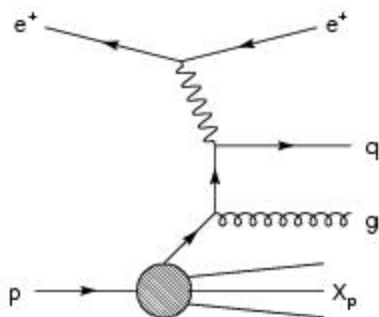


Resolved

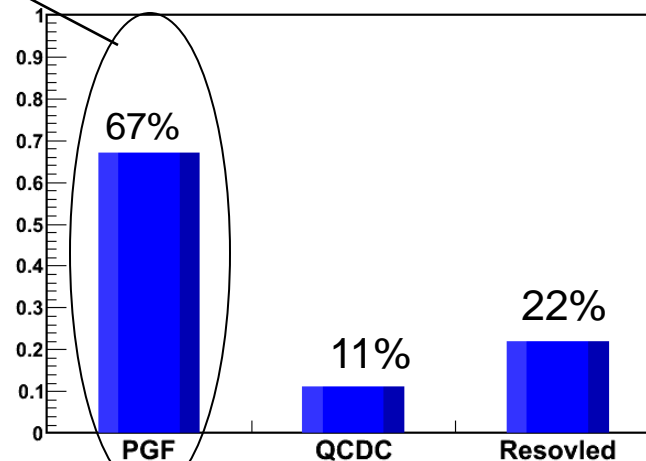


Dominant process: Photon Gluon Fusion (PGF), sensitive to the property of strong gluon field.

QCDC



Process fraction in dihadron correlatin



from PYTHIA simulation